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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 17 September 2002 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

During an interview on September 14, 2004 between the undersigned and Dorian Kennedy, Attorney of Record, changes to claims 1, 6, and 10 were agreed upon in order to improve the clarity and precision of the claims, in response to the Examiner's Amendment of July 21, 2004.



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